

PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

December 2018

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley encourages all our congregations to pray for each other throughout the year. Over a two-year period, a week will be designated for each of our churches and other organizations. Items listed below have been sent to us from the churches and organizations on our prayer list for the weeks shown. Sharing prayers with each other works!

Note: The person who prepares your worship bulletins and/or church newsletters may request this information in a Word document from bbsnyder22@gmail.com. It is also available on the POV website.

Week of December 2

Livonia

Rev. Donald Stokes

The Livonia Presbyterian Church is located one block off of highway 56 in Livonia between Salem and Paoli in western Washington County Indiana. We celebrated our 200th anniversary in 2016. We are very proud of our church building, especially our recently restored stain glass windows.

Each fall we host our Fried chicken dinner fundraiser. Beginning in the 1980's, it has become a highly anticipated event in the area.

We are blessed to be able to support our community by giving out food baskets at Thanksgiving to those in need. We also donate clothing to two local elementary schools each year at Christmas.

We would greatly appreciate prayers for our Minister, Congregation, fundraising efforts, the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces & Law Enforcement, and those afflicted by illness & poverty.

Week of December 9

Hanover College

Rev. Catherine Knott, Chaplain

Chaplain Catherine Knott is in her fourth year at Hanover College, which is a Presbyterian affiliated campus with 1100 students, primarily residential. She works with faith based and service based student organizations on campus and RA staff in Student Life, advises first year students, teaches courses for first year seminar and in the English department, leads service projects and trips, occasional special worship services, provides speakers, workshops, bible studies, pastoral care...it feels like a long list. It looks a little different than congregational ministry because it's such an ecumenical setting. The college has Catholic students, Muslim students, Jewish students, Evangelical Protestant students, spiritual-but-not-religious students, and yes, mainline Protestant students.

Special needs and prayers this time of year include prayers for the close of an academic term, calm and serenity in the thick of finals, and a general sense of God's love and presence when dealing with so many issues such as graduate school applications, balancing work and school life, the tension visiting parents/loved ones over the holidays, the pressure of being a first generation college student in one's family, living in community with others- we will happily solicit prayers for all of these things!

For faculty and staff, pray to function in so many different roles in a small institution. They often wear many different hats, and can feel very tired by this point.

Week of December 16**Bethlehem International Center**

For a number of years, the Presbytery of Ohio Valley has partnered with the Bethlehem International Center. Our Partnership includes daily prayer for the work in Indiana and Bethlehem, scholarship dollars, sending hearing aids for the audiology clinic, support for the Churches for Middle East Peace, travel and education. A group from POV visited the Center, and many other sites, in March 2017. If you would like more information, please contact Marietta Macy, who serves First Presbyterian in Columbus,

Please pray for the work in Indiana and Bethlehem in this season of Jesus' birth. What a blessing in life to be engaged in this work.

Week of December 23**Peace on Earth****Week of December 30****POV Candidates and Inquirers**

Heather Thiessen is an active member at Corydon. She graduated from Louisville Seminary over a decade ago and has been teaching religion classes at Spalding University in Louisville. She is also doing some preaching in the southern part of the presbytery and serving as moderator for some churches.

Marietta Macy's home church is Spencer, but she is currently Director of Children's Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Columbus. She has completed her seminary training and passed her ords and Bible Content Exam. She has a passion for the people of Palestine